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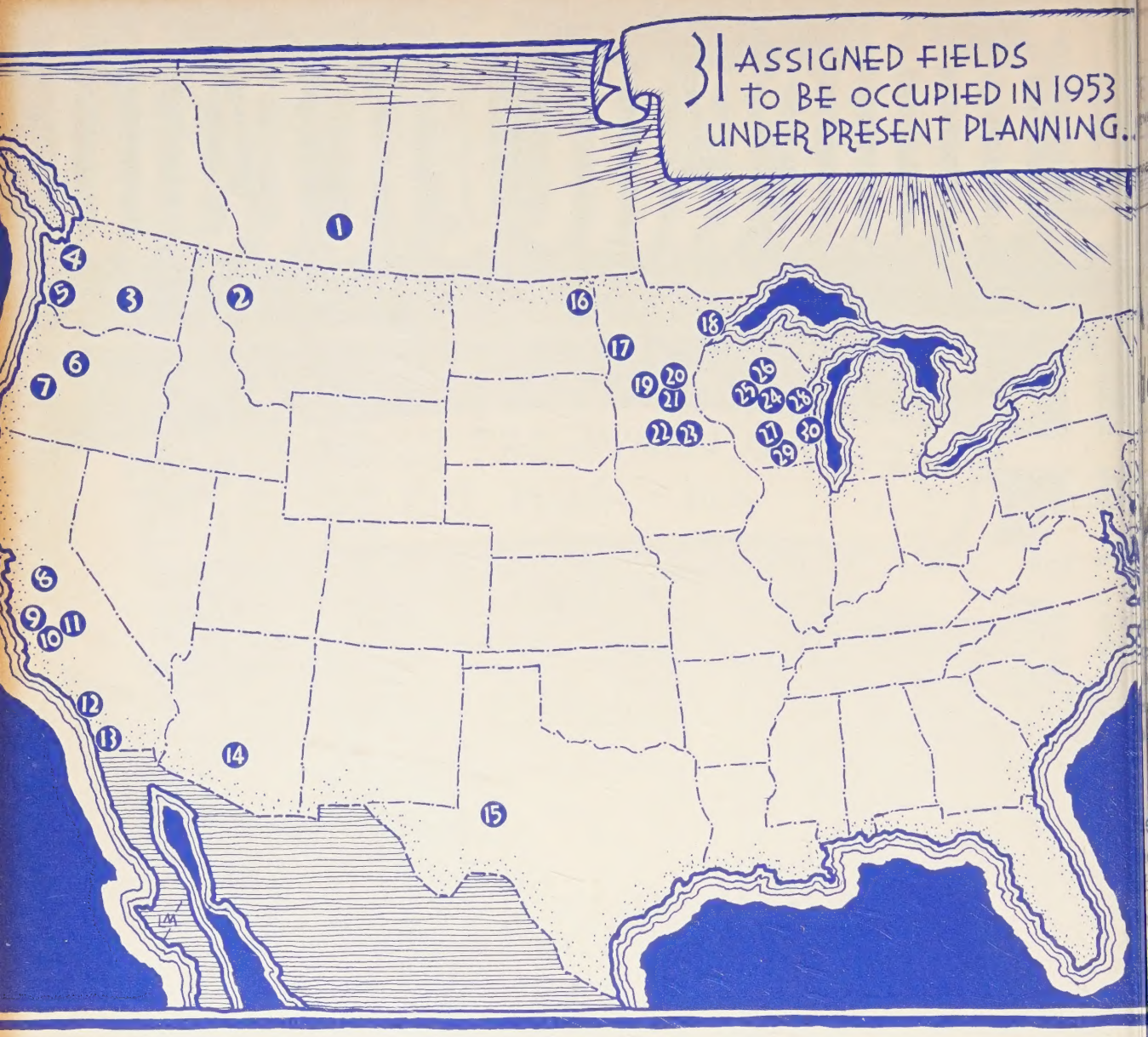

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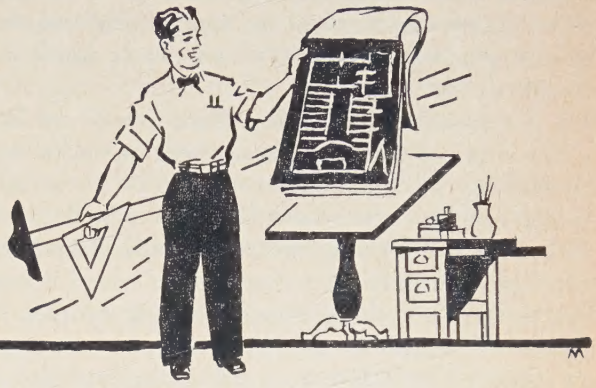
Philip S. Dybvig



s issue of LUTHERAN HERALD is for the purpose of ouncing the Home Mission plans for 1953 as recently pted by the Board of Home Missions. These are l and courageous plans, tailor-made for dynamic es. But we have a bold and faithful God who has led on this work in the past and continues to give blessing day by day.

e Plan Itself

oroad outlines these are the plans for this year of our d, 1953:

stablish 31 New Congregations
as listed on opposite page

Buy Sites in 6 Other Assigned Fields
Calgary (Northwest), Alberta, Canada
Spokane (Opportunity Area), Washington
Houston (North), Texas
Omaha, Nebraska
San Francisco (Westlake), California
St. Paul (Rosetown Area), Minnesota

'omplete the Projects Already Begun by
Building 11 first unit churches
Building 16 parsonages
Financing 3 Sunday school units
Subsidizing salary in 25 parish realignments
Subsidizing salary in 29 other parishes
Subsidizing interest payments in 145 parishes

Develop a Pilot Project in a Marginal City Area

Continue to Strengthen our Program of Special Activities
Eskimo
Seamen's
Negro
Rural Areas
Home Mission Institutes
Indian
Jewish
Temporary Communities
Evangelism

The Conditions

The above plan is not too ambitious. It can be carried out. But success does depend on six ifs. These are the ifs:

- If 20 more pastors accept Home Mission calls.
- If $700,000 is repaid by 165 young congregations with loans totaling more than $4,000,000.
- If the full voted synodical budget comes in.
- If $850,000 of new capital comes in through sale of Home Mission Trust Certificates.
- If the entire Church—pastors, people, boards, committees, and executives—co-operates like one large Christian family.
- If God continues to bless our plans.

Solomon's Wisdom Needed

The Board's most difficult decision in planning the Home Mission advance for 1953 was that of deciding which fields should be occupied and which should be left out. With 93 fields assigned to The Evangelical Lutheran Church for study and occupancy, it meant rejecting two fields for every one that was accepted. While the map opposite this page shows the 31 fields that were finally accepted for occupancy, the map on the outside back cover shows the 62 fields that were rejected, at least so far as 1953 is concerned. Some of the rejected fields were not ready for occupancy, while one or two others may perhaps never need a church. The plain fact is, however, that most of the rejected fields are so ripe

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for harvest that none of us had a right to say, "Lo, there are yet four months." It was just a plain matter of necessity because of lack of resources. In fact, it will tax our resources to the very limit to occupy the 31 that have been selected.

The ten district presidents said that 50 of the assigned fields were so urgent that they ought to be occupied at once. When this was found to be impossible, it was agreed that in six of the rejected fields we should at least purchase sites in 1953, lest we be blocked out completely for all time.

It is always the policy of the Board to take care of the young churches that have already been organized before establishing still more new ones. With 11 unhoused young churches now worshipping in rented quarters, with three sadly lacking necessary Sunday school room, and with 14 without parsonages, much capital is needed just to take care of work established in the past. This plus the 1953 needs for the 31 planned new ones requires an estimated $1,700,000 of Church Extension Fund capital.

Our hopes are that half of this will come in through sale of Home Mission Trust Certificates and the other half from the churches that already have loans. A smaller fraction of it, approximately $150,000 is anticipated because of our increased budget income for 1953.

Sixty-Two Tragedies

Based on past experience we know that many souls will be saved in the 31 places where new churches are about to be established. Countless people will rise up and call us blessed. Homes that would have broken will be saved because the Gospel has a way of sweetening all life. Sinners, cynics, and Pharisees hopelessly lost will be won for the Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Gospel. This we can know for sure because of what has been happening in other young churches that have been established.

But the very blessing of God in the fields occupied makes more poignant the tragedy in the places that are rejected or postponed. As one board member put it, "We here sit in judgment on who is going to have the Gospel and who isn't." If nothing happened in the places where new churches come, there would be no great tragedy in rejecting others. But this is most emphatically not the case. We need to pray the Lord to send more laborers into His vineyard, and to supply also the necessary funds. The resources of God are available to those who do His work!

More Parish Realignments

The day for parish realignments in our Church has come in earnest. No longer are people satisfied to have worship services every other or every third Sunday. God has not yet amended the Third Commandment. M over, many are beginning to realize that as more in sive work is done, more people are reached.

Most parish realignments come about without Home Mission support. In other cases promise of tial support for a short time is just what it takes to the new parishes get started.

Usually a realignment involves no Church Exten Fund money except possibly for a parsonage. Man these parsonage loans are now being financed by Investment Department of our Church instead of the Church Extension Fund.

Planning an Unusual Experiment

During recent years we have seen one city congrega after another move to a more favorable location, abandoning the marginal, semi-blighted area that sprung up around the old church. This has led to siderable criticism of the Church, often unkind and just. In all our confessions and teachings as a Luth Church we have never defined the Church or the gregation in terms of a building nor of a geogra location, but only in terms of a fellowship of belie who come together for the hearing of the Word and administration of the Sacraments.

Therefore, we must not be too critical of a partic congregation that discovers that the people who c prise the congregation live in one section of the while the church building is in another and they th fore decide to build a new church in a location convenient for all. The church building, when a said and done, is but a means to an end and its loca can be changed. If there is to be criticism, it shoul of the past program of the congregation which did adjust itself so that it continuously reached out to al people within the locality. Here again, we must rem ber that until a decade or two ago most of the Luth churches in America were ministering to a national stituency. That day, however, is past, and the ch that moves away from a community which has bec marginal or semi-blighted but in which people are living, will in the future be criticized more severely more justly than ever.

Churches in such changing communities face a cult problem of adjustment. Old members cling to traditional ways of carrying on their program and sist every attempt to make an adjustment to meet needs of the new residents who have arrived in community. Therefore, some church leaders have gested that it is impossible for a congregation to cha its program sufficiently to meet the needs of a blig area in the inner city and that the only possible wa serve the community will be for a new group to over the old church and set up a new program. T should, of course, be no question about the old G

; a part of the new program. We are thinking of a
ram that is adjusted in every other way except that
Gospel is the same.

order to help develop effective programs for con-
ations in such areas, the Board of Home Missions
lecided to select a pilot project during 1953 for the
ose of making an experiment. Plans are to buy an
hurch plant in such a community, to call a capable
r, together with necessary staff, including a social
er. Because of the social angle the Board of Home
ions is inviting the Board of Charities to co-operate
us in this adventure.

veral possible locations for this pilot project are now
g considered, and the final decision should be ar-
at soon.

ne pastor who is called will first be asked to spend
al months visiting, observing, and studying the pro-
s of congregations doing successful work in mar-
inner city areas.

me Mission Institutes

Division of American Missions of the National
eran Council has made plans for another series of
ne Mission institutes for this summer. All pastors
ng congregations receiving Home Mission aid of
kind are urged and expected to attend one of these
tutes. Other pastors are welcomed insofar as there
be available housing.

llowing are the areas, dates and places:

fic Northwest—July 13-17—Seebeck Christian Conf.
rounds, Bremerton, Wash.
fic Southwest—July 13-17—The place to be decided
er.
h Central—July 6-10—YMCA Camp, Estes Park, Colo.
th Central—July 6-10—Gustavus Adolphus College, St.
ter, Minnesota.
Valley—July 13-17—The place to be decided later.
ntic Coast—July 20-24—Muhlenberg College, Allentown,
a.

ecial Activities

work among the Eskimo in Alaska under the lead-
ip of our flying pastor, the Rev. Norval Hegland,
continue with some advance. Services may soon be started in the city of Nome, which is a rallying point for our Eskimo mission villages. Tentative plans are also being made for a program to help educate young people from our Eskimo congregations.

Under the leadership of the Rev. Clarence M. Hanson, our ministry to such minority groups as are often neglected will be made more effective. Together with Pastor Ernest Sihler, he will continue to emphasize the importance of congregations reaching out to all people in the community regardless of race or nationality.

The splendid work of the Seattle Seamen's Center, directed by Superintendent Harald Siqueland, will continue with its ministry to men of the sea.

The ministry to temporary housing communities as well as the other Home Mission services of the National Lutheran Council will continue to receive support as before.

As for Evangelism, we consider that work so important that another issue of LUTHERAN HERALD later in the year will more adequately present this great work.

Ifs Are Not Doubts

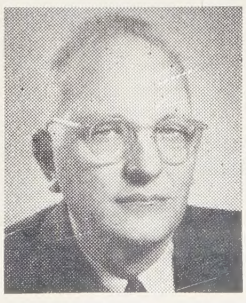
After outlining the Home Mission plan of advance for 1953, we listed six ifs. These ifs, however, are not doubts. We do not doubt that pastors will continue to accept Home Mission calls. We do not doubt that young congregations will continue repaying their loans far ahead of schedule. We do not doubt that the people of the Church will give generous budget support, especially when they know what the needs are. Nor do we doubt that people will continue buying Trust Certificates, because they are finding the new Home Mission Trust Certificate plan a wonderful way to invest their savings with security, receive a good interest return, and at the same time know that their money is used for Kingdom purposes. In short, the Board of Home Missions has planned boldly for 1953 believing that the whole Church is back of us to work and to pray and to give that the Kingdom may be extended.

Above all, we plan our advance for 1953 in full faith that the Lord of the Church will continue to guide and bless our humble plans for the extension of the Kingdom of God in our beloved land.

Norval Hegland

Clarence M. Hanson

Ernest Sihler


Harald Siqueland

Conrad M. Thompson

I Followed the Home Mission Dollar

Norman H. Nelson
Treasurer ELC

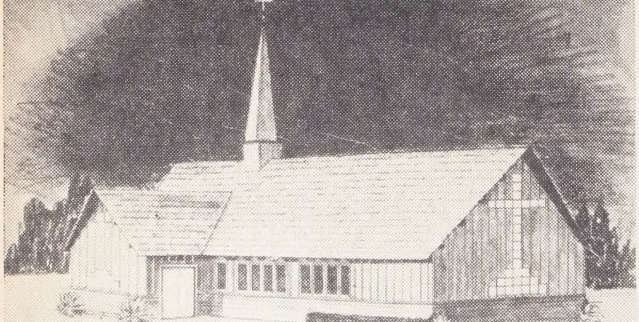
During the last days of December a letter came to my desk from a Minnesota couple which read as follows:

"Enclosed find check for $1,000 which divide among missions or where it is most needed. You know that better than we do, but we do know money is needed everywhere."

There have been a number of letters like this during the last month of the year, and it has set me to thinking about the different activities of the Church.

One of the most challenging phases of the work of The Evangelical Lutheran Church is the extension of the Kingdom on the Home Mission frontiers in America. During the month of September last year, at the request of the president of the Brotherhood of the California District, Axel Lundring of Pasadena, your treasurer spent several weeks among the Home Mission churches in California, visiting with the pastors and lay people in the various churches and speaking to men's groups at Mt. Cross Bible Camp in the San Francisco area and at the Palisade Camp near Santa Monica in the Los Angeles area.

A large percentage of the California District ELC churches are of relatively recent origin and have come into existence because our people have given their funds to Home Missions in trying to meet the urgent needs of people who have come to California to make home. About 14 million people have come to the Coast areas of our Church in recent years, and thousands have had no church homes for themse or Sunday schools for their children. To grasp the nificance of the migration of 14 million from other of the United States to the Pacific Coast areas, we sh remember that this movement of American pe equals the populations of Minnesota, Iowa, Nebra the Dakotas, and a great share of Wisconsin. T has never been any migration of peoples like it in history of mankind.



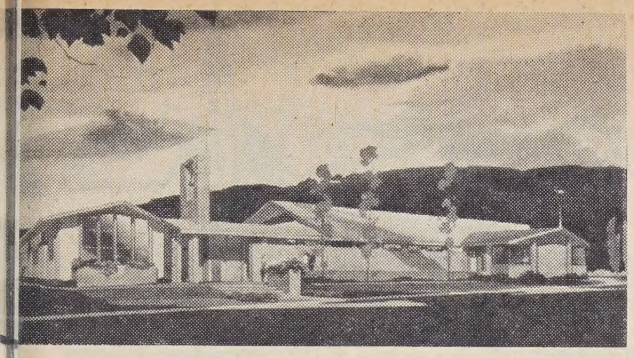
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, East Sacramento, California, R. O. Aga, pastor.

Stopping first at Sacramento, we were given the op tunity of talking with the leadership at the Luth Church of the Good Shepherd, the Rev. R. O. Aga, tor. This church is a characteristic example of our H Mission experience. Evidently leadership in the H Mission Department had considerable foresight in ticipating area developments in the acquisition of gro for church buildings and parking space, for as in instance and many others too, the new congregatio at the heart of the development in that area.

The church in East Sacramento was begun two y ago. It has three acres of ground and a fine first un wood construction, seating approximately 250 peopl suitable parsonage in the community development also been purchased. Approximately $57,000 of H Mission dollars are invested here, but already a cor gation of 300 has come into being.

Following the visit to Sacramento, we were given opportunity of speaking with our men in the San F cisco area at Mt. Cross Bible Camp. Many questions asked, and we trust that those present have a better derstanding of their Church at work.

Following the speaking engagements we stoppe Faith Lutheran Church, Los Gatos, the Rev. B. L. H sen, pastor. Here, too, we found evidence of sound p ning by the Home Mission Department, and this



Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Palos Verdes, Hollywood Riviera, California, Lyle Gangsei, pastor.

gation is in the heart of a thriving community. With aid of a sponsoring congregation at Patterson, $25,- in this case, together with $14,000 from Home Mis- n Church Extension, a fine but modest, wood con- uction first unit has been made possible on a one- e site. A comfortable parsonage has also become the ssession of the congregation. The Home Mission dol- has done it again.

Traveling southward from San Francisco we saw oth- similar developments, particularly in the Los Angeles a. Visiting the Rev. A. O. Storvick, pastor of St. Tim- hy Lutheran Church, Lakewood Park, we had the rilling experience of faith and vision in what can be ne with Home Mission funds. Here is a church in the art of a housing development for some 80,000 people, development which came into being very rapidly un- r mass production methods.

Lakewood is an illustration of the price we pay in laying entrance into these large developments. The e of three and one-half acres, necessary by reason of ty parking demands and the developers' unwillingness divide the parcel, cost approximately $35,000. A very odest stucco first unit seating approximately 350 was uilt before the congregation came into being, but a con- egation of nearly 500 was present on the first Sunday.

Visits to about twenty of these relatively new churches ave revealed what can be done by earnest men and omen when challenged by our Home Mission leaders. ne cannot visit California without sensing something the dynamic enthusiasm present everywhere in eco- omic developments, and it seemed to me as I visited ith pastors and lay folk that they have something of is same dynamic in the unfolding of the Kingdom ork in these new areas. At some places I found church hools meeting the needs for regular grade school in- ruction, and in all some provision for social recreation. These good folk have achieved a proper sense of ewardship not only in the California area but in the her areas which are carrying on similar Home Mission programs. The stewardship of these new church folk is much to be desired elsewhere in our Church.

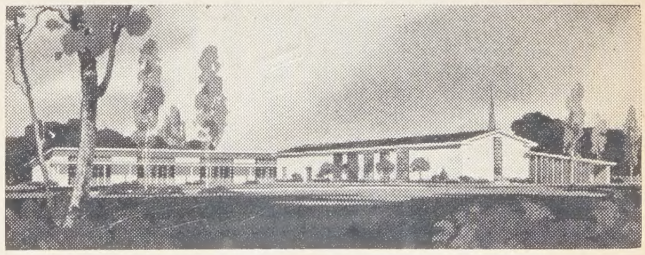
Another noticeable factor in the newer areas was the variety of national and racial backgrounds from which the new members came. It is much more noticeable here than in the Middle West, where so many of our churches have been in existence for many years. Obviously we have become a Church for everyone, as we should be in these dynamic unfolding areas.

With Pastor Falde, president of the California District, we drove to San Diego, the farthest south of our churches. Here we were also given an opportunity to discuss our Church and its program, carried out through its five great divisions—Education, Foreign and Home Missions, Charities, and Pensions. Returning from San Diego we visited the beautiful La Jolla church, the Rev. L. K. Johnson, pastor, in its lovely setting looking toward the Pacific.

Heading back to church headquarters we stopped off at Phoenix and visited the Lutheran Church of Hope, the Rev. P. A. Thompson, pastor. While we missed the pastor and his family, we did have a chance to look over the present church and the new construction going on. This church, too, will serve a growing area on the south side of the city, a hustling town of over 100,000. Home Mission dollars did it again!

Reviewing our experience, we recall having seen the result of a very active and useful Home Mission dollar, and this should be only the beginning. If our people could see as we have seen the possibility of increased use of Home Mission Church Extension dollars and grasp the significance of Home Mission development and its impact on their respective communities, there would be no dollar problems. Our people have the money. It is my hope and prayer that our people will catch a vision of their God-given responsibility.

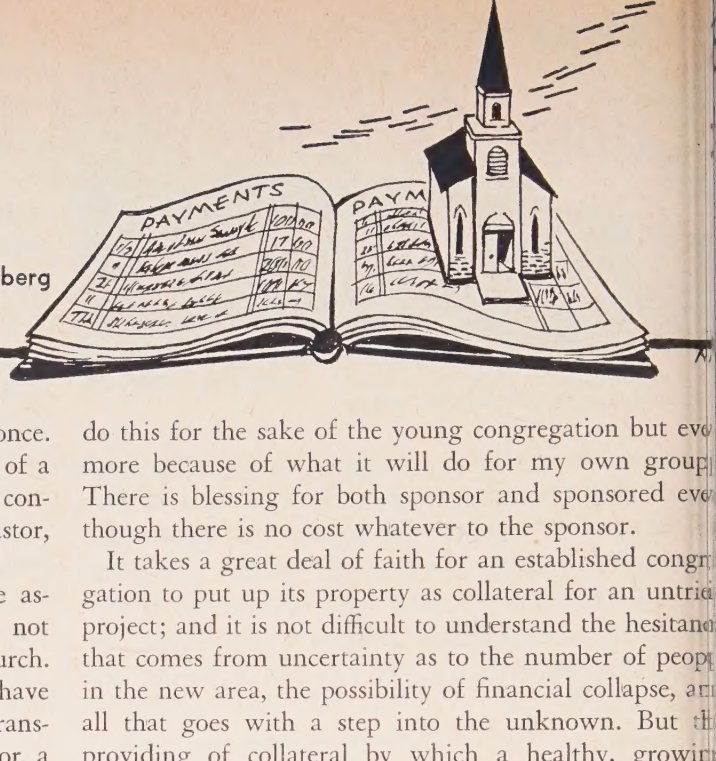
The fields are indeed "white unto the harvest." Are we in The Evangelical Lutheran Church doing all we can? Let us rise in all our strength and wealth! "We must be about our Father's business."



St. Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lakewood Park, California, A. O. Storvick, pastor.

Sponsorship Without Risk

Clarence Solberg



The matter was presented to the congregation only once. The decision was unanimous. The first sponsorship of a "going" concern was under way. And to St. Olaf congregation of Bode, Iowa, the Rev. M. O. Kraabel, pastor, goes this honor.

This is something new in sponsorship. Tangible assistance to young congregations by older ones is not anything new in The Evangelical Lutheran Church. Literally dozens of more mature congregations have sponsored new groups by means of membership transfers, outright financial gifts, extension of credit, or a combination of these. But this new possibility has come into the picture as a corollary of the Home Mission Trust Certificate and promises to be the brightest sponsorship potential of all.

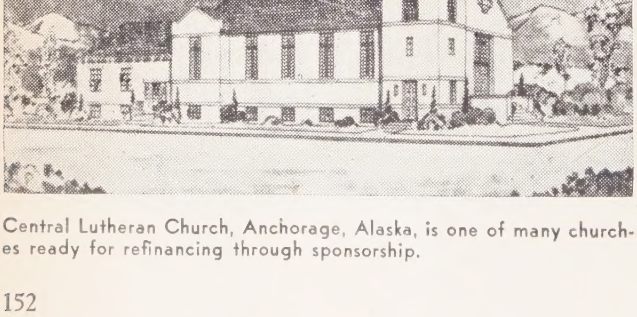
It can undoubtedly prove to be next to the largest factor in Church Extension Fund financing, second only to the sale of Trust Certificates.

This new approach is that of supplying credit, not to a completely new venture, but to one which already has its parsonage, site, and first unit, which has an adequate membership, which has its stewardship program thoroughly set, and which has proved beyond the shadow of any doubt its ability to pay off the prospective loan.

There is another side to it, too. The pastor of an established congregation which is about to face a specific sponsorship situation stated, "I'm not only anxious to do this for the sake of the young congregation but eve more because of what it will do for my own group There is blessing for both sponsor and sponsored eve though there is no cost whatever to the sponsor.

It takes a great deal of faith for an established congr gation to put up its property as collateral for an untri project; and it is not difficult to understand the hesitan that comes from uncertainty as to the number of peop in the new area, the possibility of financial collapse, a all that goes with a step into the unknown. But t providing of collateral by which a healthy, growi young congregation refinances its Church Extensi Fund Loan or secures more facilities or both carries r real risk at all.

At least twenty congregations in the Home Missi family—with loans varying from $7,000 to $80,000- qualify unreservedly for a sponsorship. The funds th released by replacement loans could be returned to t Church Extension Fund and used immediately for ne work. There will be one less such congregation no that the congregation at Bode has voted to make i credit available for this specific purpose.



Central Lutheran Church, Anchorage, Alaska, is one of many churches ready for refinancing through sponsorship.

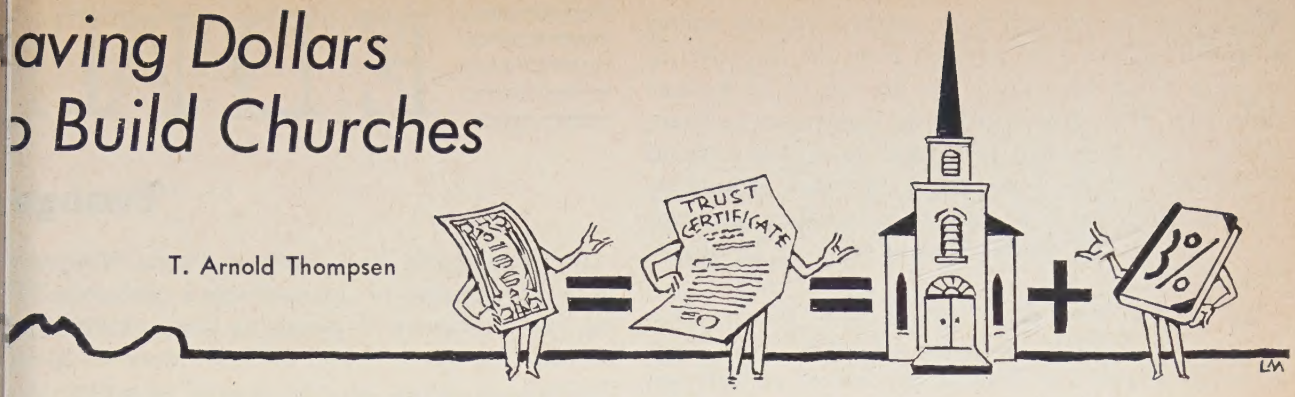
A typical case is that of a congregation with 1,003 mem bers, 550 in Sunday school, an average church attend ance of 457, and a loan repayment record of almo $9,000 in 1952. This congregation has been able to hand a refinancing loan for more than a year but could n command one because it was "too young" in the eye of the bankers. A sponsorship of this "going" concer will release $38,000 for starting a new field.

In such a sponsorship there are the usual legal secu ities. But the real security lies much deeper—in a co gregation which is practicing adequate, Biblical stew ardship, which comes out of a Church Extension Fun that has not lost a single penny in the thirty-five yea of its history and which congregation has the contin ing interest of the Home Mission Department.

If you are an interested officer, pastor, or plain mem ber of an established congregation, the Board of Hom Missions invites you to make inquiry as to how yo congregation, too, can help s-t-r-e-t-c-h Church Extensio dollars.

aving Dollars o Build Churches

T. Arnold Thompsen



sus was interested in Dollars! He referred to money d its uses more times than to any other subject—the ngdom of God, heaven, hell, or salvation. The use of oney serves as a thermometer to indicate a person's in-ests. "Where a man's treasure is, there will his heart also." The securing of funds is not an end in itself. oney is but a tool whereby we may accomplish our al purpose. So let's talk for a moment about our dol-s at work, and, incidentally, ask ourselves if they are complishing our real purpose as God's children.

Last summer the Board of Home Missions, after care-l consideration of its assets and potential in the light the pressing need for new churches all over the coun-y, together with the counsel of able lawyers, financial aders, and economists, proposed a plan of multiplying pital and thus expanding the influence of the ELC. he plan as proposed to the church convention was nanimously adopted and has since become known as ie Home Mission Trust Certificate Plan.

he Trust Certificate is an *investment plan,* governed y the Board of Trustees of The Evangelical Lutheran hurch, and administered by the Board of Home Mis-ons. It provides a safe margin of earning for every ollar invested and at the same time becomes an invest-nent in the eternal business of saving souls, as well as roviding the Kingdom tools for the congregational nepherd, such as parsonage, site, and first unit.

All money invested is definitely secured under a Trust greement adopted by the Board of Trustees of the LC on September 8, 1952, and on file in the office of ne Trustee. All funds invested under this plan are nargined so there is $1.54 of Church Extension Fund rst mortgages placed in trust with the Trustee for ev-ry $1.00 represented by Home Mission Trust Certifi-ates. This margin compares favorably with margins nder other investment plans. Thus the program gives efinite security through the large resources of the hurch Extension Fund without involving the credit of ne Church.

Furthermore, this is not a reversion to the program of deficit spending which made necessary the Centennial Appeal and resulted in the church resolution forbidding departments to spend beyond budget income. Aware of this, the Trust Certificate resolution passed by the biennial Convention of 1952 states: This Trust Certificate Plan "shall in no way be interpreted to abrogate resolutions requiring all budgeting boards of the Church to balance their operating budgets at the end of each fiscal year."

Money may be invested in amounts of $100 and up for one year or more. Interest is paid annually or semi-annually as desired, at rates up to 3%. Thus there is a double dividend: (1) A reasonable interest return on a secured investment; (2) The joy and satisfaction of knowing that souls are being won for Christ and His Kingdom as the Church goes forward through this investment.

Need? The program of Home Missions for 1953 calls for 31 new churches or a budget in Church Extension of new monies to the sum of approximately $1,750,000. Of this sum $850,000 must come by way of Trust Certificates!

Need! That's only as far as the Board of Home Missions dared venture in budgeting. Sixty-two other fields await our answer, while souls perish! What a day it would be if our program could be set up on the basis spoken of by Jesus when He sent the two disciples to bring back the animals for the triumphal march into Jerusalem—"If any man say aught unto you, you shall say, the Lord hath need of them!" (Matthew 21:3).

Safe? When stocks and bonds went to the wall—"down the drain"—in the depression, there was no "Communion of Saints moral" to hold the trust of funds sacred! When the dollar was lost in the world's securities, those of the Church Extension Fund, though delayed, were never lost! *Not one penny!* And all the while these congregations brought into being by the Church Extension Fund went faithfully on preaching the Gospel of redemption and contributing to the cause of the Kingdom "as God had prospered."

You say you remember church-connected bonds that

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EDITO

"Evangel

The title of this editorial is not original with the editor; in fact, he borrowed it verbatim from the executive director of Home Missions. It was the title of the keynote address Dr. Dybvig delivered at the Conference on Evangelism a few weeks ago. It occurred to us that it would be difficult to find a better title with which to head an editorial which has as its purpose to introduce our readers to this annual Home Mission issue of LUTHERAN HERALD.

It is peculiar about these "special issues" of ours. One can find half a dozen reasons for not having them, chief of which is that it is doubtful psychology to load one issue with material from one department. Yet we keep on having them, and probably always will. Outweighing the disadvantages is one splendid aspect. Our Church has become so large and its activities so far-flung that not even we who are in constant touch with all the departments can hope to keep up with the details. No doubt many of our readers find it still more difficult to do so. If, say once every year or so, we can give a panorama of a certain department, we believe that the result will be beneficial. No one can possibly remember all the ramifications, to be sure; but at least we will have read about them, and we can always keep the special issue on hand for ready reference.

Take this matter of Home Missions. The solid core of it we have always had, of course: certain special missions which the Church has given in its charge; but chiefly the task of extending the Church's boundaries by going to "the streets and lanes," "the highways and hedges," to establish new congregations and to support them until they can stand on their own feet. The basic purposes and principles of Home Missions are surely simple enough and are well known to all. We may add that our Church has always done Home Mission work as aggressively as possible.

Yet we venture to say that The Evangelical Lutheran Church has in the past decade or a bit less witnessed a development in this familiar area which is so revolutionary that few of us fully realize it. As the editor's contribution to this year's Home Mission issue, the following attempt at analyzing the development is submitted. Some of the things which follow can be stated with better grace by someone not at all connected with the department than by a member of the Home Mission staff.

It begins with a renewed realization of the entire problem of the unchurched part of the population. That brings us to the title, "Evangelizing a Procession." One of the points Dr. Dybvig made in his address was that all of life is a procession, and that the Church must therefore establish "way stations" (congregations) along the line of march. That implies, of course, that evangelism is the life-blood of the Church, which all will grant.

In a very special sense, however, Home Mission wo in our day consists of "evangelizing a procession." D ing the migrations of people to war industry conc trations between 1941 and 1945, we came to speak America as being "on the march." America is s marching. Seemingly authentic figures state that 20 cent of the American people were living in differ houses at the close of 1952 than they occupied at its ginning; that 10 per cent were living in different co munities. Remembering that much of the moving distant parts of the country has been taking place *fr* areas in which the ELC is strong *to* places where ELC is relatively weak, we must conclude that our c demands Home Mission statesmanship of a very hi order. We believe that the first thing the material in t issue demonstrates is that we do have Home Missi leadership which understands fully the implications our "marching" population. That, we feel, is the fi lesson to be drawn.

Closely akin to it is this: The Church has wisely de gated to the Department of Home Missions the ov sight of our formal program of evangelism. We have Commission on Evangelism which operates as a part the Department of Home Missions. We have written much about this area of work that we shall not much here. The point to be emphasized is that, in sense not hitherto true, the emphasis of evangelism h of late years become very definitely connected with t vision of "evangelizing a procession." This is true in t ways. It is true in the emphasis on parish evangelis In its outward thrust, parish evangelism is simply "Ho Missions in the home congregation." How much of t increase in concern for the unchurched in the co munity can be ascribed to our Commission on Evan lism is, of course, impossible to determine. Our op ion is that it should have a good deal of the credit.

In a more direct way, however, evangelism and Ho Mission activity are linked. The program of parish ev gelism is an integral part of the development of ev Home Mission congregation from the day it is est lished. This has the double result of making the n congregation from the very beginning deeply mind of the need to make and keep its program spiritual; a of ingraining in its heart concern for the unchurch and that in a much more real sense than of making t new congregation anxious to take in new members f the sake of outward growth.

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o we place as the second element in our Home Mis- program for today the close connection between ne Missions and evangelism.

third element is so fully discussed in other places his issue that it may be passed over here with just w remarks. We refer to an over-all working plan, specific techniques for exactly this time. It is baldly literally true that the tried and familiar techniques stablishing and nurturing a Home Mission congre- on, familiar to all of us who have worked in the rch for a goodly number of years, just is not ade- e for today. It required courage and vision to de- p the present system. But it works. It may even be it is this plan which should have the major credit the phenomenal growth in Home Mission work ch this issue reflects.

n yet we are not through. The fact that ample and ble manpower, in terms of pastors and parish work- is available is of extreme importance. The tremen- s increase in enrollment at our two seminaries solved oblem which only a decade ago would have been ost insurmountable. We remember well attending a erence in the President's office not so many years ago which the extremely serious shortage of pastors was ssed.

nder conditions as they were then, our present Home ion program could have been carried out only at expense of established parishes which would have left without pastors. Now, however, there is rea- to believe that, for the foreseeable future, there will lenty of men coming out of the seminaries to staff parishes of the Church. Most of the young men will nto established parishes, releasing experienced men Home Mission work.

that brings us to the last point of our analysis: cing. To be sure, even in the depth of depression drought, it would have been well had we had the ents which we have thus far discussed. However, it have to be granted that financial difficulties would greatly impeded progress. After all, it is not so many years since the entire operating budget of our ch was not much greater than the amount we are able to raise for Home Mission work.

it will have to be granted that the "high, wide and some" economic conditions which have prevailed during the past few years have played a very large part in making our Home Mission progress possible.

It will also have to be admitted that, despite the tremendous changes for the better which have come during the past decade, the "bottleneck" of Home Missions is still financial. The map on the inside front cover of this issue lists the fields which we shall occupy in 1953—and a presentable list it is, to be sure. But the outside back cover lists those additional fields we should be occupying at once, and that list is longer than the first. It is only limitation of funds which makes this situation necessary.

True, every department of the Church can say the same. We are, unfortunately, in the situation where it is completely impossible to progress as fast as we could if funds were available. There is a great discrepancy between "needs" and "possibilities." There is no solution other than the one we are arriving at slowly, more adequate support of synodical projects. In the meanwhile, let us thank God for what is being accomplished.

So there is Home Mission, ELC, 1953. Later on we shall have a special issue of Education; no doubt other departments will not be far behind. And so on and on. It is a tremendous project, this of "evangelizing a procession"—and that, in substance, is what the Church of Jesus Christ exists in the world to do.

Easy on the "Reverend," Please!

Kindly consider this our annual (or is it biennial?) contribution to the spasmodic (or is it perennial?) discussion of the proper way to address our pastors. It is once again granted that the fate of neither the world nor the Church trembles in the balance of what a pastor may be called. However, we just can't resist the temptation of passing along to our readers the latest contribution to the subject. It is the following poem. A pastor writes that the authorship is "anonymous"; we do not know whether he thus veils his own authorship or not.

Call me BROTHER if you will;
Call me PARSON—better still.
Or if perchance the Catholic frill
Doth your heart with longing fill—
Though plain MISTER fills the bill—
Then even FATHER brings no chill
Of hurt or rancor or ill-will.

To no D.D. do I pretend,
Though DOCTOR doth some honor lend.
PASTOR, PREACHER, RECTOR, FRIEND,
Titles almost without end
Neither grate and ne'er offend;
A loving ear to all I bend.
But how the man my heart doth rend
Who blithely calls me REVEREND!

Home Mission Staff and Organization

Philip S. Dybvig

In this issue of the HERALD the Board of Home Missions announces the appointment of several additional staff members, besides noting the current group of pastors taking up Home Mission work. The Rev. Herbert A. Hanson of Levittown, New York, becomes an assistant director as does the Rev. T. Arnold Thompsen of Northridge, California. The Rev. Clarence Solberg continues as in the past in that same capacity. Note, too, that the superintendent of the Zion Society for Israel, the Rev. Clarence M. Hanson, is also going to give a part of his time to the Ministry to Minority Groups under the Board of Home Missions.

As we make these announcements, we should like to explain as clearly as possible the working organization of the Department of Home Missions in The Evangelical Lutheran Church. This should be of special interest now that a merger is being planned, besides being helpful to all who have contacts with the work of Home Missions.

Relation to the District

Basic in our Home Missions organization is the district Home Mission committee and the district president. The Constitution of the Church states explicitly that new congregations are to be organized by the district committee. The Constitution also states that the district president is superintendent of Home Missions in his district, and in recognition of this fact one half of his salary comes directly from Home Missions.

It is the responsibility of the district organization to seek out the new fields, to call pastors, to select parsonages and sites, and to help congregations prepare building plans. Theirs is also the responsibility of preparing the district operational budget for Home Missions and of proposing the necessary Church Extension Fund loans needed for the various projects in the district.

District committees frequently delegate much of their responsibility to the district president. This is often necessary in order to get the job done but should not cause us to forget that when all is said and done the district Home Mission committee has a central place of responsibility in the entire program. By increasing the staff the Board has no intentions of detracting from responsibility and work of the district committees the district presidents.

The matter of parish realignment is also a dist responsibility resting largely in the hands of the dist president. In some cases there is no Home Miss angle to realignments. In a few it is necessary to g a subsidy for a time. In every case it involves inter-pa relationships that must be carefully dealt with by district president.

The Place of the Board

While the district Home Mission committee is elec by the district, the Board of Home Missions is elec by the Church in its biennial conventions. It is made of ten men, one from each district. The Board is sponsible for developing general Home Mission poli for controlling the Church Extension Fund, includ the final approval of all loans to be voted as well as terms on which the loans are to be made and the quired stewardship program in the congregation tha borrowing the money. Because it is virtually impos to establish Home Mission congregations today wit Church Extension Fund support, it follows that Board gives final approval to all the fields submitte the district committees for financing.

The Board also controls the budget. Theoretically might vote a definite amount to each district. In prac however, they vote a definite amount to each distric *the basis of specific requests by the district.*

The Board also administers all special missions and tivities, including the work of Evangelism, the Seam Mission, Eskimo Mission, Negro Missions, Ministr Minority Groups, and the work under the Divisio American Missions.

While the district Home Mission committee, toge with the district president, is responsible for seel out new fields and presenting applications for loans the congregations being established, it falls to the sponsibility of the Board of Home Missions to app the fields that are to be financed, to approve the sites the parsonages to be bought with Church Exte

l money and also to approve the building plans for
h loans are requested.
rthermore, the Board must have a direct contact
each new congregation when it is being established
der to explain the loan requirements and the stew-
ip program.
e Board of Home Missions is also responsible for
ral promotion of the Home Mission program
gh the development of films, slides, pamphlets, post-
rticles, and mission festival speakers.
also tries to give special assistance to the district
dents and the district Home Mission committees as
ested from time to time. This is true in parish re-
ment as well as in other situations.

Place of the Executive Director

e is no authority vested in the executive director
any other staff member which does not originally
in the general Board. The director and the staff
bers are called by the Board to carry out the Board's
es, and thus they have only such authority as dele-
d by the Board. In all their work they always repre-
the Board.
some areas the Board has by resolution stated what
want the executive director to do. At other times
s called upon to make decisions without voted au-
ization but then only because it is so clearly in line
accepted policies and past practices that he knows
the decision will be acceptable to the Board. With-
this working arrangement it would be impossible to
y out an effective Home Mission program in dy-
ic times.
he Board has full authority at all times to restrict
director if necessary and to give him further in-
ctions from time to time regarding his duties. He is
ll times serving under the Board's direction, to whom
s responsible.

e Place of Assistant Directors

assistant directors have a relationship to the direc-
like assistant pastors to the pastor. They take specific
gnments of areas of responsibility and are directly ac-
ntable to the director, who in turn is accountable to
Board. Assignments may be changed or withdrawn
he director as experience suggests. For happiest rela-
s the plan is to make assignments so definite that
one has freedom to plan his own program and thus
work creatively.
he assistant directors will have much to do with
district presidents but will assume none of their pre-
atives or responsibilities. The district president and
district committee will still supervise the work in
district, seek out the new fields, call pastors, select sites and parsonages, and help plan new buildings and work out parish realignments. The assistant directors serve only in those areas which have always been the general Board's responsibility, doing the same work which has previously been carried by the more limited staff. With more help it will be possible to do the work better.

During the last few years we have averaged approximately twenty new congregations a year. Now it is planned to raise this to thirty. This will mean much additional work, because experience shows that for proper planning of Home Mission projects there should be at least four on-the-ground visits from the general Home Mission Board in every new congregation, and this in addition to the numerous visits (perhaps ten on the average) that have to be made by the district president. The plain fact is that very few people realize how much work, both by the district president and by the Home Mission staff, is connected with every new project.

But if we establish thirty new congregations a year, it means at least 120 on-the-ground visits (in addition to 300 or more by district presidents). Moreover, the places to be visited are to be found in all parts of the nation and in Canada! Obviously it is impossible for one or two persons to do this, especially since this is only a part of the total Home Mission program. It is no wonder that the Board unanimously decided to increase the staff by adding two more assistant directors.

Assistant Directors' Work Assignments

Each assistant director will have specific assignments. The Rev. Herbert A. Hanson has been placed in charge of parish realignments insofar as the general Board is involved in individual cases and may be of assistance to district committees and district presidents in realignments. The Rev. Clarence Solberg continues in charge of Home Mission stewardship and of the Church Extension Fund rollback, while the Rev. T. Arnold Thompsen is placed in charge of promotion.

Each assistant director will also be assigned to a given area, there to do the necessary field work and on-the-ground visitation for the Board and the director. This will include: (1) inspection of all proposed new fields; (2) inspection of all properties for which Church Extension Fund loans are requested—sites, parsonages, and churches; (3) meeting with congregations regarding building plans for which Church Extension Fund loans are requested; (4) meeting with each new congregation to explain the Home Mission plans and policies; (5) meeting with each new congregation to help work out their budget and plan their stewardship program; (6) meeting with older congregations that may come into the picture for Home Mission subsidy or for Church Extension Fund loans because of parish realignment or for

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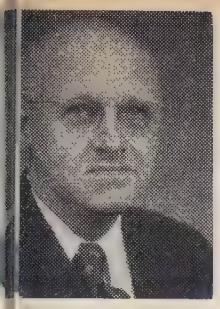

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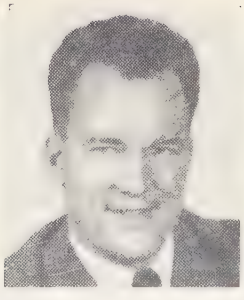

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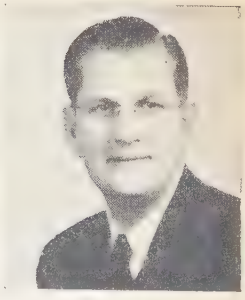


Dr. Mars A. Dale
Canada

Ignoring the Hazards

Herbert A. Hanson

Why, Abraham, you have forgotten the first lesson in simple arithmetic. It just doesn't add up—this notion of yours to pack up and get on a journey that has no destination. If you knew that you would end up in Abilene, why the whole risk might have some sense of plot. You are risking a haven for a hazard."

"But Amon, my trusted friend, there is no risk. God's finger is in the arithmetic. Wrong totals? That's man's balance sheet when God is left out. I leave the totaling to Him. When a man listens, trusts, and obeys the call of God there can be no failure. He has called me. 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.' "

Abraham went. He has his contemporaries in every generation. They are numbered in the company of the daring.

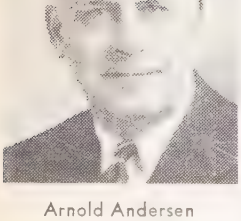
In this year of our Lord we plan, under God, to organize thirty-one congregations. This means one thrust into enemy territory every twelve days. For the beachheads are in his possession. The Home Mission Board seldom gets a Macedonian call—"Come over and help us. We have organized a congregation and want a pastor."

That glorious chapter in the history of our Church in this land is past. In our generation Home Mission boards must move into new areas on their own initiative. For upon the Church is ever the urgency of our Lord's command, "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." The Church is always a fellowship of the concerned for the unconcern —"Go out to highways and hedges and compel peo to come in. . . ." There is a seeking for God in o land today. Man is fainting and weary. He cannot ide tify his restlessness. Many of us who have stood in o loneliness but now by the grace of God stand in t Kingdom, know their need. With God's answer in o hands we must push forward on every front. For ma desperation is always the Macedonian call.

What are some of the problems faced by the Home M sion pastor? They are many and varied. But there is pattern that seems quite common. They will often t the patience and stamina of the strongest pastor. Some our men are now in their second projects. They are p pared for some of the irritants and disappointments a are better able to cope with them.

In some areas we are unable to find a suitable si Zoning restrictions rule out certain sections for church Often the pastor will have to make many calls getti property owners to waive restrictions. In a few comm nities minorities have become very vocal in their d termination to keep the church out.

Then in every new congregation there is the man family who have never found a congregation to th liking. They become disturbers to the forward march the new congregation. Such individuals try the pasto heart to distraction. They are super-critical—the order service is not to their liking—the hymns are too slo Unless the new pastor deals with such folks with fir



Arnold Andersen

Russell Helgesen

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dissensions can be created to the injury of the Lord's

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.en there is the constant sense of uncertainty. Here are contemporaries with Abraham. With all the ıration for the first service in the way of calling and icity—will many come? Who will give the right rship to the Women's Guild? Will the men selected he Council prove faithful and loyal? Every new regation must grow through the pains of birth—is part of the throes of the Cross. Some who begin enthusiasm quickly lose interest. They become to Home Mission pastor the burden of his heart.

nen there is open hostility to the Gospel. Some view Church as a disturber of community tranquility. ers fear the church bell will wake them from their ath slumbering. Indifference on the part of many have a rich spiritual background.

us look over the special problems faced by the ors who have accepted calls. The Rev. Arnold An-en goes to Green Bay, Wisconsin. A house has been chased for a parsonage. The walls are now up for first unit of the church. In Plainedge, Long Island, v York, the Rev. R. Helgesen is living in a new par-age. We were unable to rent the school for services. re is no place to meet. Plans have now been approved a fine first unit. In the meantime he is serving as rim pastor at Levittown, New York. The Rev. S. gen goes to Moorhead, Minnesota. Here a parsonage l site have been purchased. They are looking for ne suitable building in which to begin work.

n Beaver Bay, Minnesota, the Rev. Teber Hill will in work. As yet there is no parsonage nor church. However, the situation here is a bit different, for this new congregation will be part of a multiple parish. The Rev. J. B. Shefveland is now in the Rochester, Minnesota, field. A house has been purchased for a parsonage. It is impossible to find a place for worship. Some difficulties developed in getting title to our site but a church is now being built and services will soon be held. Our congregation in Austin, Minnesota, is sponsoring the new church in their city. The Rev. Glennys Knutson will begin work here soon. A parsonage has already been purchased. They hope to meet in a theater.

The Rev. Magnus Anderson will begin work soon in Modesto, California. He will continue to live in Patterson, where he is pastor of Our Saviour's Church. A deal has just been closed for a site in Midland, Texas. The Rev. Erling Peterson will move there as soon as the parsonage and first unit of the church are built. Like Abraham, the Rev. O. Hiepler has answered the call to Sacramento, California. But there is no parsonage, site, or church. The Rev. Vernon Holte faces the same situation at Madras, Oregon. The Rev. S. Vevang has the work under way in the Rainier area of Seattle, Washington, with a parsonage but nothing more.

But the joys of Home Mission work far outshine the shadows. Every one of our pastors who has established congregations has many experiences to tell of changed lives, spiritual growth, families brought together. God has promised fruits to every man who serves faithfully in telling the simple story of Jesus and His love. Our blessed Lord never gave a command without giving a promise of power to fulfill. Before He ascended into glory He gave this commission: "Repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name unto all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. Ye are witnesses of these things, and behold, I send forth the promise of my Father upon you, but tarry ye in the city, until ye be clothed with power."

What can the Home Mission pastor be sure of? He will find thousands of lost men. Hundreds of thousands are moving to the suburbs. Many of them have some strange hope that with the new scenery and green grass there will be some light from another world streaming into their lives. Unless someone comes with story of a redeeming God who died beyond a city wall to make men free,

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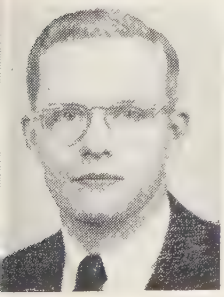

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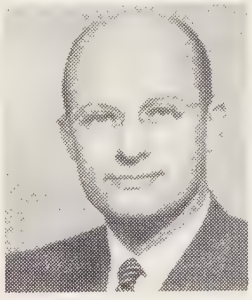

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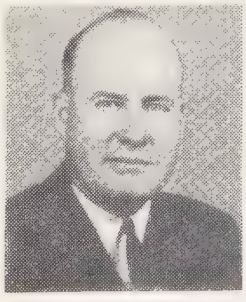

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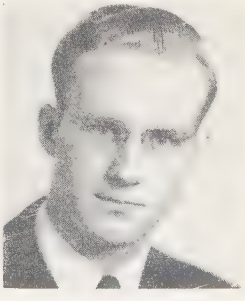

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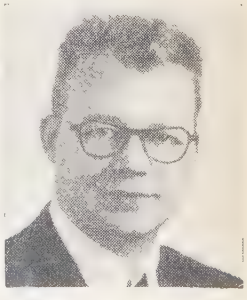


Vernon Holte

Decks Cleared for Action in Canada

Philip S. Dybvig

Many a Home Mission program has been in the doldrums because congregations receiving salary aid assumed that they could and should go on indefinitely without building up their own congregations or their own stewardship in order to take over more and more. Even congregations that could assume full salary support hesitated or even refused to take over because "next year might be worse." Obviously a more dynamic approach is necessary, because Home Missions means advance.

From the time our Church was organized in 1917 hundreds of thousands of dollars of Home Mission aid were spent in the Canada District of our Church only to see the membership drop from some over 17,000 souls to 13,358 souls by 1946. Twenty-nine out of 49 parishes in Canada (59% of the total) were receiving salary aid in 1947, and the situation was a real challenge.

Under the aggressive and able leadership of Dr. Mars Dale, the district president, a definite program looking toward a definite forward movement was set up for Canada, and the district president proceeded to visit every parish, bringing to them a program which included the following three main objectives:

(1) To set up a salary scale in each subsidized congregation decreasing the subsidy from Home Missions each year and increasing the salary in such a way that each increase of salary was shouldered by the parish.

(2) To decrease the Home Mission budget for the district and increase the contributions to Home Missions through the budget so the two would meet at the end of 6 years.

(3) To ask each of the 29 parishes then receiving Home Mission subsidy to lay out a program under which they not only increased the salary (as noted in point 1 above) but also step by step would take over that part of the salary which had been coming from Home Missions so that every parish would be fully self-supporting in from five to seven years. The length of time would depend on the amount of salary subsidy they were receiving in 1947.

When we now check up to note what has actually happened, we are happy to report that the plans have not only been carried out, but have been carried ahead of schedule. In fact, we here have a glowing illustration of the value of definite planning in church wo Here are the facts:

(1) The basic Home Mission salary has increas from $1,517 a year in 1947 to $2,700 in 1953, with so parishes becoming self-supporting at $3,000 this ye These salaries are certainly too low, but they are mu better than they were five years ago and compare fav ably with salaries in the other self-supporting parish of the district. In fact, the low salaries in the se supporting parishes have made it more difficult to bri any salaries up to what they ought to be.

(2) The Home Mission budget for the district h decreased from $33,000 per year at the beginning 1947 to $10,000 in 1953, while the contributions to Ho Missions through the synodical budget in the Cana District has increased from $2,100 in 1947 to $11,250 1953. Thus the Canada District is contributing as mu to Home Missions as they are receiving from Home M sions, which was a part of the plan.

(3) All 29 parishes receiving Home Mission aid 1947 are now self-supporting! In fact, there is now on one parish in the entire district receiving salary aid, a this one may soon be taken care of through a ne arrangement. Besides the above achievement six ne parishes have been organized through the organizatio of new congregations and two through realignmen since 1947.

Pastor Clarence Solberg and the writer recently visite in the Canada District and there saw Home Missio fields of unusual promise. Steps are now being take to occupy an open section in the thriving city of Me cine Hat. In the northwestern part of Calgary we saw house-building development just as extensive as ma of the fields on Long Island or in California. This w true also of certain sections in Edmonton. Moreove there are a number of new towns and cities springing u in British Columbia which call for immediate attentio

Canada may not have very many ships, and Saskatc ewan, Manitoba, and Alberta none at all—but yet w say that the decks are cleared for action in Canada!

arish Workers Help

Virginia Husby

one will ever fully know how much has been con-ited to the life and growth of our young churches ugh the consecrated service of our Home Mission sh workers. These women, salaried by the Board Home Missions and stationed in the various areas e Church, are sent in to work with the pastor in new venture. They go from house to house, ringing bells, meeting people, telling everyone of the plans Sunday school and worship services about to begin. reminder of her visit she leaves a printed folder uring the new pastor and introducing the new ch to the community.

om time to time criticisms of the various phases of Home Mission program are received, but we have to hear anyone suggest that we should discontinue g parish workers in this way.

the past the girls have stayed for a month or two hree in each place and have sometimes been sent for another period of work after six months or a . This reassignment period comes usually as the new gregation begins using the new building.

some instances now a parish worker is called to a ific field where it is planned that she continue as a nanent part of the staff for that field.

Our department also helps to finance the calling of parish workers to young churches giving reasonable assurance that they will continue her services permanently. We recommend that our congregations should have at least one full-time worker in addition to the pastor at least as soon as they have reached a total membership (souls) of 300. It is then hoped that they will add another full-time worker for every additional 500 members.

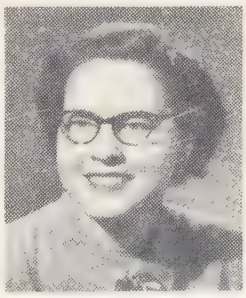
In addition to those whose pictures appear on this page are: Helen E. Hansen, Eugene, Oregon, and Ione Bush, Granite Falls, Minnesota.

Lutheran Young Women: Does this type of Christian service appeal to *you?* Could there be anything more thrilling and worthwhile for you in 1953 than to have a part in bringing the Church into these 31 new fields? We could easily triple our present staff and still not be oversupplied. Consecration and devotion to the cause of Christ is a prime requisite, but some college training is also desirable. Make application to the Home Mission Office at 425 S. 4th St., Minneapolis, Minn., stating your qualifications and experience, enclosing your picture if one is available, and listing six references to whom we can write.

Ethel Holstad
a Dei, Rochester, Minn.

Adeline Groven
Lutheran Church of Hope, Phoenix, Ariz.

Noreen Paulson
Teller, Alaska



Lois Hansing
Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Palos Verdes, Calif.

Constance Lunde
California District

In Him, I Find Me

Harold B. Kildahl

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 22, 1953

Text: Matthew 4:1-11

In Him, after whom my aspirations soar; in Him, in whom my faith is fixed; in Him, who is so far above me yet always near me, I find me. For He, like me, was tempted sorely—weary, worn, tired, and spent. He was like me, save for sin, and in His trial, in His temptation, but more than all else, in His overcoming, there is hope for me.

Hope for me? In spite of what I know myself to be? In spite of what my heart speaks clearly to me? In spite of the condemning voice of conscience? In spite of weakness and a weary soul? In spite of what I know so well—there is hope for me? Yes, friend, for me, and if for me, then you. In Him, I find me.

My hope rests on what He was, and what He is. See Him—preparing for the arduous days ahead, the months and years of sad travail, the loneliness of death's vigil, the bitterness of man's betrayal, the sorrow of the weight of sin, the anguish of faithless denial—all of this and the tempter's power—see Him preparing, gathering strength and power to best the devil, to grasp the cross, to reach the crown; see Him meeting life head on, coming to grips with the worst earth could offer and giving defeat to Satan's sinister snare. In Him and what He was, in Him and what He is rests my hope, for in Him I find me.

Son of God He was and is, and Savior of my soul. His life He gave, His love He gives, and gracious strength and power. "Follow me" He shouted to all who would come after, and by His grace I am numbered there. I hear the voice, I know the words, and though weak and stumbling on the way, I reach up; I lift mine eyes; I stretch my soul to receive His grace, and in His grace I find the strength to overcome. In Him, I find me.

Temptation doesn't always win. Satan doesn't always gain the prize. The soil of earth doesn't always spot my soul. The down pull and the eddying swirls of life don't always catch and hold my mind and spirit. Christ wins too—and He is winning now. He always wins when I am sure that in Him I find me.

Christ was tempted. I am too. Christ overcame. I can too. His strength was the Word and a will to do the will of God. Such strength is also mine. The grace of God is mine, and if mine, then yours. If yours, then friend, you too can say—by the grace of God, in Him, I find me. Amen.

Somebody Must Take a Recess!

Magnus A. Da

We should take a lot of them! Recess can be fun. you remember when it just couldn't come too soon that you might continue the game on the school grou

But now we are actually looking for some who take a recess for work and for a study which is i intense than many have ever experienced.

Positions continue to be unfilled or are filled tem arily by people who are not sufficiently trained for work. This includes house parents for cottages at s of our children's homes.

Many write in. Out of love to God they want t something in a very special way. But they need m than love to God to work with some of the chil who face us today. The children in many situa have been so deeply hurt and deprived of the assurances of acceptance and security that they mar some terrific "rebuttals" of "an eye for an eye."

And so we have to disappoint many who write t They even may have done a good job in bringing their own children. But that was in a normal set These same children would not have been so mal able if they had lived in a climate where the bo threatened to drop out of everything at any moment

We are looking for people who will take a recess regular routines to go a bit deeper in seeking to un stand the children with behavior disorders. We be we should seek some method for training "cottage ents," who could give us the assurance that they w really "career" in that type of work.

We still think they can be found. And we must them. This is the most important assignment befo in some of our child care institutions.

We have the buildings. We must have workers will come at great sacrifice. They must sacrifice time involved for this "recess for learning." The l ing provided is not as adequate for private family l as we would like to have it. But, when we stop to sider, there are sacrifices that must be made in areas today, regardless of the chosen vocations.

It is doubtful, however, if any vocation can bring thrills as that of house parents who have the satisfa of re-shaping lives that were thwarted and twisted molding them into lives of poise because someone understood and cared.

Meditations for the Family Altar

Joel Njus

TOWARD THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Epistle: I Thessalonians 4:1-7 — **The Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28**

Monday, February 23
BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD
Read John 1:29-34

The next day he saw Jesus coming to- him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb d, who takes away the sin of the "

n calls us to look at Jesus. To His every action and listen to His word. John calls us to look at Jesus ms of who He is and what He is "Behold, the Lamb of God who away the sin of the world." Look ur Redeemer! Behold the offering that is being brought for you! See pon whom your sins are laid! Be- Him as He suffers, and see His love u!

ring the remainder of the Lenten , we shall, God willing, look at as He walks the Way of Sorrows to oss for us. For only those who fol- esus along this path understand the ng of Christ's coming to earth.

ur God, help us during this Lenten to fasten our eyes upon Jesus and in an understanding of what He did ur salvation. Amen.

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Tuesday, February 24
ANOINTED FOR BURIAL
Read Matthew 26:1-13

"In pouring this ointment on my body she has done it to prepare me for burial."

Jesus faced the fact of His death and burial long before they took place in time. He was not the innocent victim of a plot of the Jewish leaders, but the sinless Son of God who in obedience to His Father's will was ready and willing to pay the price of man's salvation. Thus the act of Mary in anointing His head with costly ointment was a most beautiful and appropriate deed. While His enemies were plotting to arrest and kill Him, Jesus receives the anointing of Mary and makes it of eternal significance by relating it to His death. Because the death of Christ would be proclaimed throughout the world, Mary's deed of love would never be forgotten.

Dear Jesus, may all we do have its source in love to Thee, who endured the cross and grave for our sins. When we are gone, may we be remembered in terms of the One we loved, even Thee, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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Wednesday, February 25
AN OFFER OF BETRAYAL
Read Luke 22:1-6

Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the chief priests and the captains how he might betray him to them.

Only a citizen of a country can betray his country. Only a follower of Jesus can be a traitor to his Lord. Here we see how Satan can make a close and intimate relationship with Jesus the occasion for the greatest treachery. From the gates of heaven, Satan casts those who give him room in their hearts into the depths of hell. What is worse than that a follower of Jesus should offer to betray Him?

If you know Christ, if He is your Lord, then examine yourself, lest Satan enter and take you captive for his service. Beware of listening to the voice of Satan, for of him one learns to hate Jesus.

Dear God, help us to resist Satan and all his works, to the end that we might remain true to Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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Thursday, February 26
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
Read John 13:1-16

hen he had washed their feet, and his garments, and resumed his place, d to them, "Do you know what I done to you?"

m sure the Upper Room must have very quiet when Jesus finished wash- he feet of His disciples. Surely the ence of having Jesus kneel at their n the position of a humble servant have caused considerable heart-search- n the part of the disciples. The very of John in recording this event t as much. Every movement of is mentioned. When Jesus finally re- His place at the table, they wait im to speak. The question is simple irect: "Do you know what I have to you?"

you understand the implications of 's love for you? Do you know that perience the love of Christ in its full- nvolves to love others as Christ loved To walk with Jesus is not so much ellectual exercise as a life of humble to others.

Friday, February 27
"I HAVE PRAYED FOR YOU"
Read Luke 22:31-34

"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail; and when you have turned again, strengthen your brethren."

Peter faced a time of testing. Jesus as it were, lifts back the curtain and allows us to see what a critical phase in the life of Peter is now about to begin. Satan and God in a struggle for the soul of a single human. Satan demands, Jesus prays, and Peter is sifted.

All disciples must pass through the hour of sifting. The chaff and the husks must be removed. Satan's object is to destroy the soul, but Jesus is concerned that through it all our faith might not fail. And that in the end we might turn again to Him as our only Savior. He who has experienced the power of God to keep him from becoming Satan's prey will come as a new person out from the testing—out to strengthen his brethren.

Dear God, may afflictions bring us closer to Thee and make us fit for Thy service.

Saturday, February 28
THE LORD'S SUPPER
Read Matthew 26:20-29

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."

The disciples had prepared for the Passover meal. At the direction of Jesus they had arranged for a room and for the food that was to be served. But as they completed this meal, Jesus invites them to partake of another supper. This meal is not of man's making. Jesus is the host, and the food is the body and blood of Christ Himself.

When we remember to whom Jesus served this first Supper, we are reminded that in the Lord's Supper it is God who is at work. Into hearts that were weak, full of earthly ambition, and divided amongst themselves, Jesus comes with forgiveness, strength, and a common bond of unity. You and I are no more worthy to partake of the Lord's Supper than those first disciples. But to us, as to them, Jesus says, "Take, eat; drink of it, all of you." Oh, the grace of God in Christ to us!

Schools and Colleges

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CHOIRS, BANDS ON TOUR

The choirs of Augustana College at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and Luther College at Decorah, Iowa, are now home after extensive tours. Augustana Choir, under the direction of Dr. Carl R. Youngdahl, traveled approximately 2900 miles, covering ten states. The Nordic Cathedral Choir of Luther College completed their 16-day tour with a homecoming concert on February 8. Weston Noble is the director of this choir.

On tour at the present time are the choirs of Concordia College and of St. Olaf College, both of them travelling in the east. Homecoming concerts for both of the choirs will be held at their respective colleges on February 22. Directors are Olaf C. Christiansen, St. Olaf, and Paul J. Christiansen, Concordia.

The Augustana Academy choir will begin their tour on March 13, continuing through March 24, and will travel through the states of Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Clifton Madsen is the director.

Concordia's concert band, under the direction of Professor Leif I. Christianson, will return on February 20 from a three-week trip which took them across North Dakota and Montana.

On February 28 the Luther College concert band will open a 17-day tour which will take them as far east as New York City. The band, under the direction of Weston Noble, is this year celebrating its 75th anniversary.

AUGUSTANA JOINS IN NEW FUND-RAISING EFFORT

Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, has joined with other four-year private colleges of South Dakota to form a new fund-raising agency. The South Dakota Foundation of Private Colleges, as the group is called, was incorporated in South Dakota for the purposes of interpreting the activities of the member schools to the public and for the solicitation of funds from corporations, foundations, and similar organizations. Member colleges are: Augustana, Dakota Wesleyan, Sioux Falls, and Yankton colleges.

Member colleges have undertaken the "one-approach, one-gift" plan in an effort to increase the funds available to each of the schools for current operating expenses. Funds raised through the foundation will not be used for capital expenditure.

Dr. Lawrence Stavig, Augustana's president, has been named the president of the Foundation.

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Spiritual Emphasis Week services will be held in the gymnasium of *Augustana Academy* each evening of the week of February 22-27, with the Rev. Oscar Anderson as speaker. On Sunday, February 22, Pastor Anderson will speak at Canton Lutheran Church.

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President Joseph L. Knutson has announced that *Concordia College* has accepted a gift of ten new Kimball pianos and a new Baldwin electric organ. The donation was made by the J. M. Wylie Music Company of Fargo, J. M. Wylie, president. The ten pianos have been placed in the Music Hall; the organ will be installed in the Auditorium-Physical Education building.

Eight students completed the requirements for graduation at the close of the first semester. The second semester began February 2 at Concordia.

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Dr. Torvald Hojer, outstanding Swedish historian, spent two weeks on the *St. Olaf College* campus beginning February 5. He gave public lectures, as well as special lectures to history and political science students, on Sweden's role in contemporary European politics and the Bernadotte family papers, of which he is custodian.

Dr. Hojer has been a member of the faculties at Uppsala University and the University of Stockholm. From September 1952 until January 1953 he has been a visiting professor at Yale University. He has been guardian of Private Archives of H. M. the Kin Sweden since 1944.

Dr. Hojer comes to St. Olaf u the State Department's Exchang Persons program.

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Marilyn Djarf, editor, and Ron D lass, business manager, state that 1953 SAGA, *Pacific Lutheran Coll* yearbook, will be printed by a process this year, allowing a r greater variation in layout plan The printing will be handled by attle printing company. Another feature of the yearbook will be its slightly enlarged over last year" great deal of art work is being pla also for the annual this year.

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From the *Saskatchewan Luth Bible Institute,* Outlook, Canada, c word that much remodeling work completed during the Christmas days. Painting was completed i first floor hall, basement hallway, laundry room, and a new was machine, given the school by Mrs. Stolee in remembrance of her m was installed.

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Chemists from the nearby area at *Augustana College* on January the meeting of the Sioux Valley S ter of the American Chemical So Dr. Therald Moller, professor of c istry at the University of Illinois, s on "Adventures in Rare Earth C istry."

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Station KWLC, *Luther College* station, is recording a series of m programs which are representati Luther College talent. Their prime pose is to encourage solo and ense performances. The series, which b early in January, will continue number of weeks. Twenty such grams are being arranged in this which began the early part of Jan Arrangements have also been ma present about six of them, plus po of the homecoming concerts of the and choir, over Station WOI at A Iowa. Station director is Lee Eitz

me Mission Staff

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r reasons; (7) attending meetings of the district ne Mission committees; and (8) making such other acts with congregations or pastors as necessary when ific problems come up that involve the Board of ne Missions.

he Rev. Herbert A. Hanson will make these contacts he Eastern and South Central Districts; the Rev. ence Solberg in Northern Minnesota, North Dakota, ky Mountain, Pacific, and Canada Districts; and the . T. Arnold Thompsen in Southern Minnesota, South kota, and California Districts.

nistry to Minority Groups

Rev. Clarence M. Hanson has begun his work on art-time basis as a minister to minority groups. He ts the district Home Mission committees and also ors and local congregations to their responsibility in nistering to all people within reach of the congrega-, regardless of race or nationality. Furthermore, he kes studies and reports to guide the Home Mission partment in this work.

astor Hanson is also the superintendent of the Zion iety for Israel, which is an independent organization under the Board of Home Missions but working in est co-operation with it.

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e gone down the drain! Yes! Others can, too, but *er one* made to a congregation through the supervi- of the Department of Home Missions. Let history ak!

Let the Holy Spirit speak to God's people now! The rs are wide open to Kingdom building! *This is not lea for gifts!* This is a plea to invest working dollars investments today, to earn money as well as buy time the dying souls of men.

For further information address a card today to De- tment of Home Missions, 425 South Fourth Street, nneapolis 15, Minn.

noring the Hazards

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suburbanite will go on and on searching and look- —but never finding. In this day men will give a ring to the Gospel. But there must be a herald.

The Home Mission pastor goes as a convinced witness t the answer to man's need is a right relationship to God. Men are not satisfied with "a nice religion." They want to come to grips with sin—guilt and forgiveness.

He also goes into tomorrow knowing that the Board of Home Missions will not only give encouragement but financial assistance during the early years in the congregation's history. This can only be done because the Lord has blessed our program. We move forward in dependency upon Him.

WITH OUR EVANGELISTS

FEBRUARY

Evangelist H. O. Egertson:

Feb. 1-6—Everson, Wash., J. L. Crary, pastor

Feb. 8-13—Anacortes, Wash., A. J. Knutzen, pastor

Feb. 15-20—Oak Harbor, Wash., T. A. Knudson, pastor

Evangelist Allen Lee:

Feb. 1-12—Albert Lea, Minn., M. S. Knutson, A. R. H. Johnson, pastors

Feb. 22-26—La Crosse, Wis., C. J. Groettum, pastor

Evangelist T. W. Maakestad:

Feb. 1-5—Chicago, Ill., Medill Lutheran, Dr. Herman Astrup Larsen, pastor

Feb. 8-12—Richland, Wash., C. Kenneth Peisker, pastor

Feb. 15-20—Pasco, Wash., Orville E. Hiepler, pastor

Feb. 22-27—Kennewick, Wash., A. Martin Eidbo, pastor

Evangelist T. W. Tysdal:

Feb. 1-5—Long Lake, Ingleside, Ill., Myron Hoff, pastor

Feb. 8-12—Shepherd, Mont., Oliver Carlson, pastor

Feb. 15-19—Bryant, S. Dak., H. J. Peterson, pastor

Feb. 22—Camrose College and Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, Raymond Olson, pastor

Evangelist Sterling Johnson:

Feb. 7-13—First Lutheran, Vancouver, B. C., A. B. H. Hagen, pastor

Feb. 15-27—Northshore Lutheran, North Vancouver, B. C., A. A. Berstad, pastor

The Rev. Conrad M. Thompson:

Feb. 8-14—Preaching-Teaching-Reaching Mission, Edmonton, Camrose Circuits, Canada

Feb. 15-16—Evangelism Visitation Instruction, Lutheran Church of Good Shepherd, Minneapolis

Feb. 22—Minneapolis, Nazareth Lutheran Church

Feb. 23—Minneapolis, Parish Workers' Organization

Feb. 25-27—Evangelism Conferences—Green Bay Circuit, Wisconsin

Within the E.L.C.

PERSONS

The Rev. Herbert D. Amundson, Kerkhoven, Minn., has accepted a call to Messiah Church, Tacoma, Wash., where he will be installed April 5 by District President Foss.

The Rev. A. O. Aasen was feted Jan. 25 by First Lutheran Church, Vancouver, British Columbia, which he has served during three earlier pastorate periods, the occasion being his 79th birthday. A number of speakers congratulated Pastor and Mrs. Aasen on a devoted service in the church during almost 54 years. After having received from the congregation a generous cash gift the honored couple presented to the church's building fund a check for twice the amount received. This indicates the zeal for God's Kingdom burning in the hearts of these aging servants of Christ.

Carl Bersagel is the new manager of Augsburg Publishing House's book store in Minneapolis.

Dr. Jos. G. Norby, Milwaukee, Wis., well known as a hospital manager of long standing, was one of four hospital executives presented merit awards Jan. 14 by the Milwaukee Hospital Council.

The Rev. R. E. Bey, Cando, N. Dak., has accepted a call to Nashwauk, Minn. This parish has been temporarily served by the Rev. Ingvald Hustvedt of Minneapolis.

DISTRICTS

Eastern

Manitowoc, Wis. First Lutheran Church, parish of the Rev. Roland L. Schwandt, had during the past year a net gain of 132 in its membership, which at New Year's totaled 1,153. Of these 850 are confirmed.

Janesville, Wis. First Lutheran Church, parish of the Rev. M. C. Austinson, will begin in the course of the approaching spring the erection of a new church (210x60 feet), at a site just east of city limits. Its present church edifice, erected in 1924, has been sold to the ELC Board of Home Missions, which after the completion of the new church by First Lutheran will begin a new congregation in the old location.

Brooklyn, N. Y. "Reconsecration Week" began in Trinity Church Sunday, Feb. 1, and ended the following Friday evening. On Sunday afternoon took place the installation of the Rev. Wallace J. Asper, the former youth pastor of the church, as its parish pastor. The rite was administered by Dr. Martin Anderson, president of the Eastern District. In the evening of the same day began a series of services, continued throughout the week, by the Rev. Samuel Carlsen, president of Augustana Academy, Canton, S. Dak.

Southern Minnesota

Madison, Minn. Borgund Church, whose membership consists of 52 families, has paid in full its indebtedness of $3,000 incurred in 1948 at the time of erecting a new church. A copy of the cancelled mortgage was burned at a festival service held Jan. 25. The church referred to was dedicated Oct. 15, 1949, by the late Dr. A. J. Bergsaker. The pastor of the Borgund Church is the Rev. H. B. Raun.

South Central

Roland, Iowa. Bergen Church gave a reception Sunday afternoon, Dec. 28, to honor its pastor, the Rev. Allen E. Nelson, and his wife, the occasion being their silver wedding. A silver service and several other gifts were presented to the Nelsons. Among the several speakers was Dr. V. T. Jordahl, president of the South Central District. Pastor Nelson has served the Bergen Church eleven years.

Scarville, Iowa. Among members of North Prairie Church who passed away during the past year was one of the charter members of the church, S. O. Solomonson, who died at the age of 87 years. One year old he was brought by his parents from Norway to Iowa. He was a faithful church member throughout his long life.

Thor, Iowa. Ullensvang Church, parish of the Rev. O. O. Brandt, voted at its annual meeting to continue to furnish the annual stipend of Miss Naomi Thorkelson, a daughter of the congregation, as missionary on the Santal field in India. This missionary contribution by the congregation is in addition to its usual benevolence quota to the activities of The Evangelical Lutheran Church. Miss Thorkelson had written the congregation a vivid account of her first Christmas in India.

South Dakota

Milbank, S. Dak. The American Evangelical Lutheran Church, parish of the Rev. Clarence O. Johnson, recei 52 new members, seven of these adult confirmation, Sunday morn Jan. 25. In the evening the new m bers were honor guests at a fellow supper.

Pacific

Portland, Oregon. Central Chu parish of the Rev. Arne Christian had during 1952 a net increase of 16% of its membership, a total of souls. The income of the church for year was in excess of $50,000. **Luthe Herald** subscriptions nearly triple number.

Canada

Preeceville, Sask. This parish, sisting of five congregations and ser by the Rev. M. A. Steiestol, has la increased the salary of its pastor. N Prairie Church near Hinchcliffe i build a basement under its church. church building of the Norquay Chu is being moved into the town of N quay. Church work has been starte the town of Midland.

Chauvin, Alta. Two of the con gations of this parish, served by Rev. Henning G. Olsen: Battle R and Zion, are improving their chu buildings.

Weldon, Sask. The Weldon par the Rev. J. Lokken, pastor, is mod izing its parsonage.

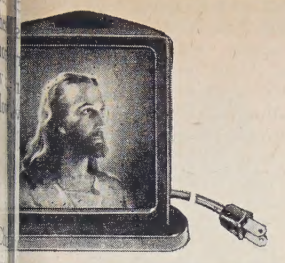
Birch Hills, Sask. Bethany Chu parish of the Rev. A. J. Severson building a basement under its chu Recently the church became electric lighted, and a new electric organ installed.

Lomond, Alta. Church work has ly started in this town. It will bel to the Enchant parish.

OBITUARIES

Elling Strand

Elling Strand, for 42 years a faith member of Canton Church, Canto Dak., passed away Jan. 4, in his year. The Rev. F. M. Ericksen offici at his funeral, Jan. 7. Strand was Nov. 8, 1866, in Namdalen, Nor In 1893 he came with his family Larchwood, Iowa, where they until they moved to the vicinity of C ton. In 1891 he married Karen Lau she died in 1941. Among his survi are eight daughters, fifteen grand dren, and nine great-grandchildren. daughter Myrtle is the wife of the Orlando A. Lee, Nielsville, Minn.



INSPIRA-LITE

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Adolph Lunde

t the passing of Adolph Lunde, nber of Land Church, Zumbrota, n., announcement could be made of identity of the donor of gifts which e been made for the advancement he Kingdom throughout the years e 1938 until they today constitute und of approximately $50,000. Be- se of this fund the founding of the C parish in Fairbanks, Alaska, was le possible, also the extension of rch work at Teller Town, Alaska; the greater part of the cost of the lane used in the famed "Air Par- " in South Dakota was paid from fund. But the workers in these par- es knew the donor only as Mr. onymous, as it was the donor's wish emain unknown as long as he lived. that reason, too, the fund was hout a name, until now, at the do- 's death and by his wish, it was en the name of his late parents: The ns Christian and Ingeborg Marie nde Fund. Adolph Lunde, who died . 23, in his 76th year, was born ril 13, 1877, near Zumbrota, Minn. his youth he attended the prepara- y department of Luther College, De- ah. His father's wish was that he uld prepare for the gospel ministry; t he did not feel called to this serv- . However, he did feel called to min- r through his substance, the result ng the above mentioned fund, which modestly desired to have remain meless until after his death. At his neral at Land Church the Rev. H. E. erson officiated. The Rev. Herman Lunde, Grand Forks, N. Dak., a son Adolph Lunde's brother, the late v. Johannes Lunde, spoke for the nily. Immediate survivors are a broth- and a sister. Blessed be the memory this modest, generous-hearted Chris- n.

The Rev. P. J. Fatnes

The Rev. Paul J. Fatnes, Los Ange- Calif., retired since 1927, died Jan. 87 years of age. At the funeral service, held at Our Saviour's Church, the Rev. Myrus L. Knutson officiated. Other speakers were District President Falde, Dr. David Stoeve, and Pastors S. T. Sorenson and Cameron Hoff. Pastor Fatnes was born Dec. 27, 1865 at Sand, Ryfylke, Norway. Came to U. S. A. in 1884. He attended Augsburg Seminary and Luther Seminary. Was ordained in 1892. After serving in various parishes, chiefly in the East, he served at Frankfort, Mich., 1903-13. From 1916 to 1917 he was superintendent at the Parkland Children's Home. From 1917 to 1921 he was pastor at Tulare and Glendale in California. And during two different periods he served as pastor in Norway. His wife, nee Agnes Larsen, died in 1946. He is survived by two daughters.

COMMISSIONING OF NEW BIBLE SOCIETY SECRETARY

Monday, Feb. 2, the Rev. Carl W. Larson of the Augustana Lutheran Church was commissioned as the new American Bible Society secretary for the North West District by Dr. M. H. Lundeen, vice president of the Augustana Church, at a special service in Minneapolis. The main address was given by Dr. Robert Taylor of New York, general secretary of the Society. Guests present were introduced by the Rev. Richard H. Ellingson (ELC), formerly North West district secretary, now associate secretary of the Society in New York City.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Northern Minnesota District Pastoral Conference will meet April 14-15 at First Lutheran Church, Detroit Lakes, Minn.

The convention of the Rocky Mountain District will be held June 8-11 in Missoula, Montana.

Registration date for the spring quarter at all the four schools of The Lutheran Bible Institute will be March 4. For information write the Registrar at any one of these schools: 1619 Portland Ave., Minneapolis 4, Minn.; 13016 Greenwood Ave., Seattle 33, Wash.; 7 Pomander Walk, Teaneck N. J., 1345 So. Burlington Ave., Los Angeles 6, Calif.

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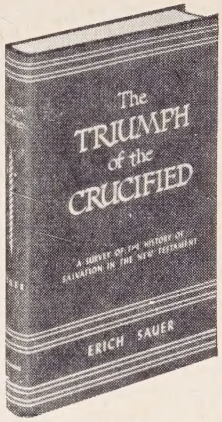

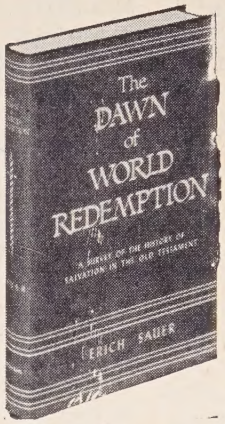

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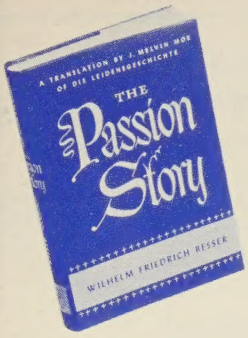

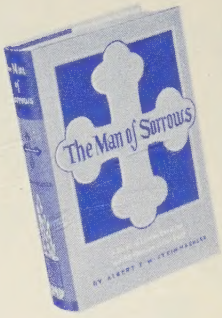

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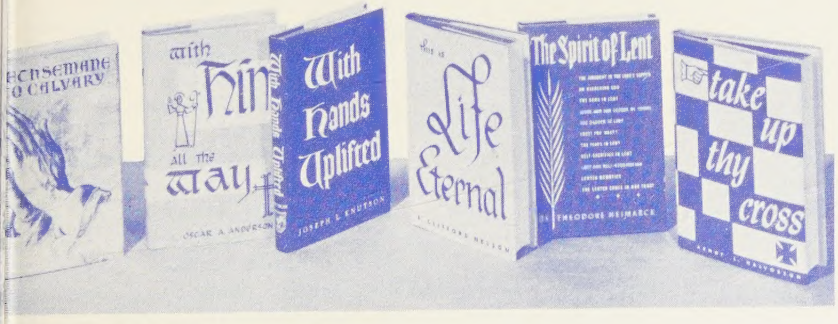

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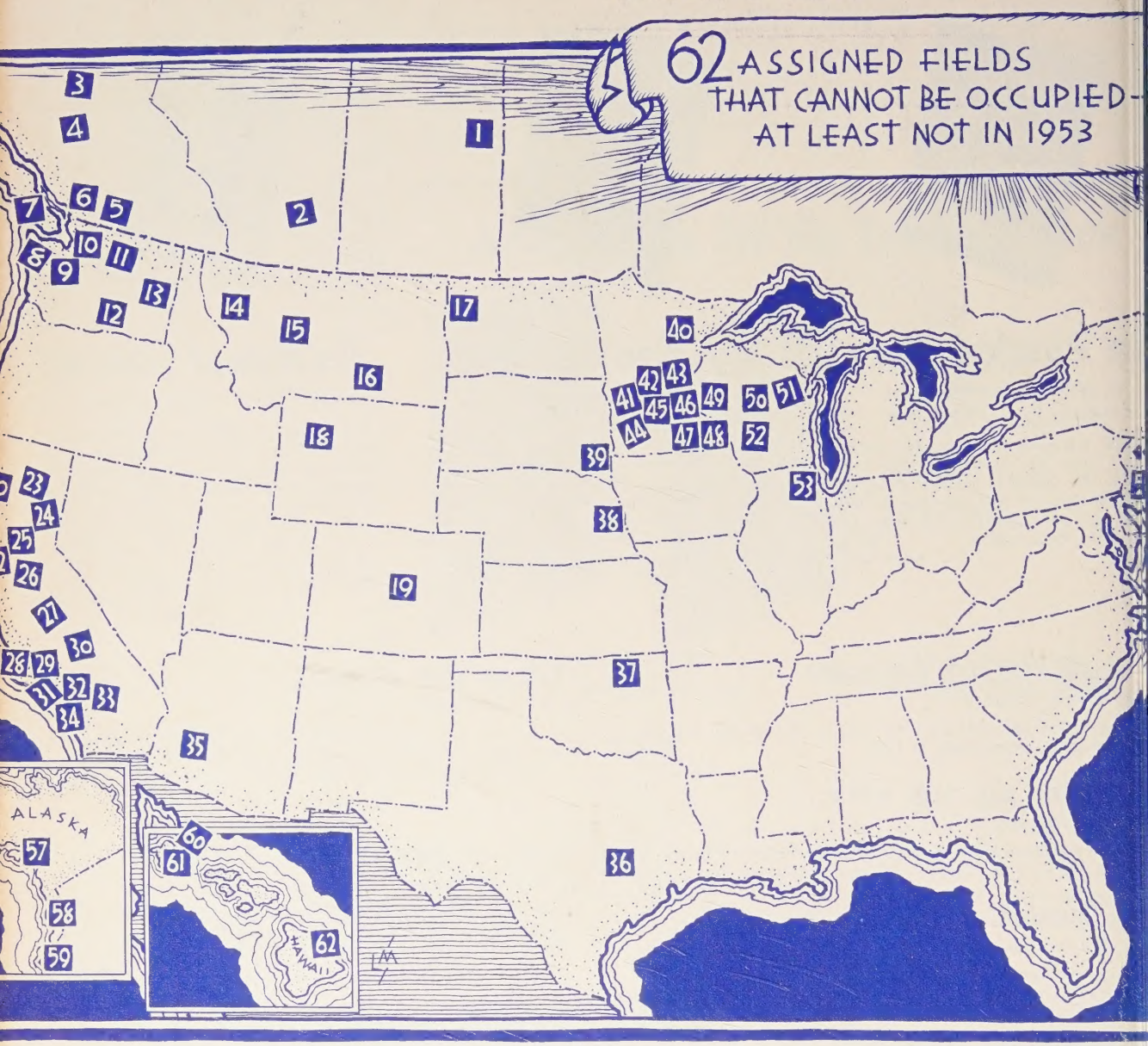

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